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NEWS & EVENTS

Loma Linda University awards honorary doctorate to San Bernardino mayor

Contributed report

Loma Linda University conferred a doctor of humanitarian service degree upon Patrick J. Morris, mayor of San Bernardino, during graduation services for the School of Public Health June 14.

Upon receiving his degree, Mayor Morris thanked LLU and President Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, for the University's commitment to serving the needs of the local community.

The University leadership chose Mayor Morris to receive this honorary doctorate because of his commitment to justice and his advocacy for those unable to speak for themselves.

After 12 years in legal practice, Mr. Morris served as a judge in various local courts from 1976 to 2005. As presiding judge of juvenile courts, he established the San Bernardino County Children's Network—a comprehensive,

interagency networking system that coordinates and enhances services to high-risk children. In 1991, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges honored Mr. Morris with its highest award for meritorious service to the juvenile courts of America.

While serving as supervising criminal law judge, Mr. Morris established one of California's first drug-treatment court programs in 1994. Since then, he has advocated local, national, and international treatment alternatives for nonviolent addicts in the criminal justice system. He was twice invited to the White House to discuss drug courts, and he has presented his ideas to the United Nations and in Ireland, England, and Italy.

In 1999, building on the success of the drug courts, Mr. Morris established one of the nation's first mental health courts to treat the seriously mental ill caught up in the criminal justice system.



After receiving his doctorate of humanitarian service, Mayor Patrick Morris addresses the audience at the School of Public Health commencement service.

Another highlight of Mr. Morris' career is his election by his colleagues during the years of 1981 through 1984 to an unprecedented three terms as the Superior Court presiding judge.

Mr. Morris—who was once named Inland Southern California's Trial Judge of the Year—has made his home in San Bernardino for the past 40 years. He retired as a judge to run for mayor in 2005. TODAY

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Medical Center takes proactive stance in response to state budget crisis

By James Ponder

As the California budget crisis worsens, Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) is taking a number of proactive steps to ensure that regardless of the economy, the health care needs of Southern Californians will continue to be met.

According to Daniel Fontoura, MBA, senior vice president of LLUMC, and administrator of University Hospital (UH), the state budget crisis is already negatively impacting the hospital's financial position, and may do so on a larger scale in the future. But thanks to a number of innovative decisions by the organization's Board of Trustees, there is hope in spite of state financial woes.

First the bad news: "The budget crisis," Mr. Fontoura predicts, "will probably affect the Medical Center for the worst for two reasons: First, it will most likely restrict the flow of Medi-Cal reimbursement to the Medical Center

temporarily; and second, it may result in cuts to the low amounts of money Medi-Cal is currently paying. Should that happen, it will make a bad situation even worse than it already is."

He points out that not all hospitals are affected by the state shortfall. "There is a definitive block of hospitals that benefit handsomely from the status quo," Mr. Fontoura says, referring to hospitals that target private pay patients, or those with health insurance, but provide nominal amounts of care for indigent, low-income, working poor, or Medi-Cal patients.

He adds, "There are other hospitals, however, that are in similar straits as we are. For us, the losses are fairly significant."

How significant? "The hospital lost about \$100 million from Medi-Cal last year," Mr. Fontoura replies. "The situation will only improve if our lawmakers have the will to address the existing financial and political issues. It remains to be seen."

The problem is compounded by the fact that no one knows which way the state's financial problems will be resolved.

"There are a variety of scenarios being discussed in Sacramento," Mr. Fontoura acknowledges. "If nothing is done to bolster reimbursements from Medi-Cal, we will be in a financially precarious position that may require us to take very difficult—yet deliberate—decisions about rationing certain services, which lose a disproportionate sum of money."

Payer mix—the crucial balance between Medi-Cal patients and privately insured patients—is an important factor in any hospital's financing equation. Since Medi-Cal typically reimburses most private hospitals for services at rates substantially below the actual costs incurred in providing them—sometimes as little as pennies on the dollar—the situation becomes crucial in communities with a high percentage of indigent or low-income patients, such as the Inland Empire.



According to Daniel Fontoura, MBA, senior vice president of LLUMC, and administrator of University Hospital (UH), the LLUMC Board of Trustees is not caught off guard by the current California budget crisis. Mr. Fontoura credits a series of bold moves implemented over several years with bringing much-needed relief during a difficult economy.

Even though Mr. Fontoura admits that UH and LLUMC are "literally handcuffed by the current Medi-Cal reimbursement structure," Please turn to page 2

CELEBRATIONS

School of Medicine anticipates 100th anniversary

By Roger Hadley, MD, dean, Loma Linda University School of Medicine

Join us October 29–31, 2009, as we celebrate the 100th birthday of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, formerly known as the College of Medical Evangelists (1909-1963).

From Thursday to Saturday, an inspiring collection of speakers and events will help commemorate our uniquely wonderful School that has meant so much to so many.

Because Loma Linda University's 100-year mission has tenaciously held to a global focus, it seems most fitting that Lisa Ling will be the keynote speaker on Thursday evening, October 29. Ms. Ling has been co-host and correspondent for "National Geographic Explorer," "Channel 1 News," "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "The View," and CNN. Her peripatetic career has taken her to the far corners of the world. Undeterred by explicit risks, Ms. Ling has investigated and reported on the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda, child trafficking in Ghana, and the drug war in Columbia.

Ms. Ling's visit to Loma Linda has been arranged by alumnus Basil Vasantachart, MD

(class of '79B), who is a personal friend of Lisa and her family. Ms. Ling is married to Paul Song, a radiation oncologist and a man of faith, to whom she credits the realization that God, in His compassion, created us to make a difference in this world. Her topic, "A hurting world," will serve as an inspirational reminder of our mission to serve the underserved.

A continental breakfast will begin the day on Friday, October 30, along with a concurrent book signing of *Morning Rounds* by many of the authors who contributed to this recently published centennial devotional. This is an opportune time to speak with many of the book's authors about their inspiring stories and insights.

Following breakfast, a continuing education program will consist of lectures and discussions on global health and lifestyle medicine—subjects that have long been core to Loma Linda's mission.

Our University president, Richard Hart, MD, DRPH ('71), who recently established Loma Linda University's Global Health Institute and the Institute of Lifestyle Medicine, will preside over the schedule of recognized lectures on these topics. Guest lecturers will speak to fitness

as it relates to diet, exercise, and to the inextricable and interdependent relationship of spiritual, mental, and physical health.

Visiting professors will include Robert Gallo, PhD, co-discoverer of the HIV virus and one of the country's most prolific scientists. Dr. Gallo will discuss AIDs and its impact on global health. His visit was made possible through the contact of alumnus James Gulley, MD ('95), who is currently at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. These topics of global health and lifestyle medicine will be of interest to a very broad audience of physicians and non-physicians alike. The meetings will be held in the soon-to-open, state-of-the-art lecture halls of the much-anticipated Centennial Complex.

On Friday evening, the meetings will move to Loma Linda University Church, where Lee Strobel, a widely read atheist-turned-Christian author, will join Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass for an energizing and inspiring evening of worship and music. Bob Soderblom, MD ('63) has been the organizer for this program that promises to be outstanding.

On Sabbath, October 31, Randy Roberts, DMin, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University Church and acknowledged to be a compelling Bible-based preacher, will deliver the centennial sermon. An orchestra comprising students, alumni, and faculty of the School of Medicine, formed exclusively for this centennial event, will perform music to complete the worship experience.



Roger Hadley, MD, dean

Interposed between the first and second church services will be a special Sabbath school, titled "Morning Rounds Live." The program will feature a select group of authors from the centennial devotional who have been invited to tell their remarkable stories live and in person. We are delighted that music for the Sabbath school program will be a reunion concert by the Men's Chorus (Class of '76A and friends), under the direction of Ron Cafferky ('76A).

Sabbath vespers promises to cap a memorable afternoon as we recount one of the most important events to occur during our School's and the world of medicine's history—the xeno heart transplant into the newborn known simply as Baby Fae. It was on October 26, 1984 (almost exactly 25 years ago), that Leonard Bailey, MD ('69) opened the eyes of the world to the possibilities and eventual realities of infant heart

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Lisa Ling, television reporter



The King's Brass



Lee Strobel, author

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and calls current utilization patterns of the emergency department—which treats the vast majority of LLUMC's Medi-Cal patients—"a de facto form of universal health care," he also notes that a series of bold moves implemented by the hospital's Board and administrative team should bring much-needed financial relief.

"The excitement revolves around expanding our areas, building out new facilities, and venturing with partners in the community who want to affiliate with and leverage the LLUMC brand," Mr. Fontoura shares. "This allows us to have a little more capacity at the main Hospital with which to grow specific service lines. To address the financial shortfalls that result from our payer mix, we are strategically entering new markets where there is a high percentage of insured patients. This will allow us to defray some of the losses generated by our goal of providing care to all, regardless of their ability to pay."

Three of the new markets LLUMC has strategically entered—the Loma Linda University

Heart & Surgical Hospital, Loma Linda University Medical Center—Murrieta, and the Highland Springs Medical Plaza—are located in areas where community demographics provide a much stronger base of privately insured patients.

The Heart & Surgical Hospital opened in Loma Linda in January of 2009, and recently completed its 500th surgical procedure. Loma Linda University Medical Center—Murrieta, a 106-bed joint venture between LLUMC and a group of physicians in the Murrieta/Temecula area, is projected to open in January of 2011.

Although the Highland Springs Medical Plaza in Beaumont has not officially opened yet, it recently began treating surgical patients.

Mr. Fontoura points to other projects in the works as further evidence of the proactive stance the Medical Center is taking to enhance its financial and health care leadership positions. "We want to become the first stroke center in the Inland Empire to be accredited by the Joint

Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. There are several in the Los Angeles area, but we want to be the first one here.

"We're also working on creating a hybrid operating room," he discloses, "complete with fixed imaging capabilities such as fluoroscopy and x-ray. This will allow us to do minimally invasive heart valve replacement surgeries on kids without having to crack open their chests."

He takes care to emphasize that one program the hospital is considering is not as controversial as its name might suggest. "We are specifically considering re-starting our adult stem cell program, which has been inactive for two years. Of course, we do not use embryonic stem cells in any of our programs."

The final project Mr. Fontoura mentions is a skull base and cerebrovascular center. "This will bring a variety of clinical disciplines together to address cancers in the skull base region of the body," he says. "It will involve neurosurgeons, head and neck surgeons,

neurologists, neuro-radiologists, and neuro-interventional radiologists."

The hospital's designation by the American College of Surgeons as a Level I trauma center is partly responsible for some of the financial difficulties the state budget shortfall imposes.

Level I designation means the hospital meets rigorous criteria requiring the immediate availability of specific surgical specialty coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to care for trauma patients, regardless of their ability—or inability—to pay.

That, of course, is perfectly in harmony with the Christian principles of Loma Linda University and its motto, "to make man whole."

"The question," Mr. Fontoura concludes, "is how do we pay for it? With these new projects and joint ventures, we're trying to secure the resources needed to provide our unique brand of Christ-centered, world-class health care to the Inland Empire—and beyond." TODAY

EXCELLENCE

Dentistry faculty receives Athena award

By Doug Hackleman

Carla Lidner Baum, DDS, MS, assistant professor of dental educational services, is the 2009 recipient of the Athena award,

presented to her May 13, 2009, at the historic Mission Inn Hotel and Spa in Riverside. The recipient of the Athena Award, given annually by the Greater Riverside Chambers of

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transplantation. A private premiere screening of Loma Linda University's produced video, titled "Stephanie's Heart" (Baby Fae's real name), will be shown, memorializing the courageous act of a young mother. The program will include a poignant interview with Dr. Bailey and Baby Fae's mother followed by stories from several heart recipients and the families of donors of hearts that have changed the lives of so many.

The weekend's celebration will culminate on Saturday night with a dinner to raise money for the Centennial Tuition Fund, featuring gold medalist and twice Olympic decathlete Bryan Clay. Mr. Clay trains at nearby Azusa Pacific University and uses his athletic platform to speak unabashedly of his Christianity. It is with



Brian Clay, Olympic decathlete

the help of Carl Rossi, MD, in our radiation oncology department and Eric Axene, MD ('11) that we were able to arrange for this world-class athlete to visit our campus. Music for the evening will feature some of the very "best of the best" musical talent from students and alumni.

Many have requested to see the "famous" movies by my father, Henry Hadley, MD ('46), that humorously chronicled the people and events on our campus and in our community. Back by popular demand, we will show "Henry Hadley's Highlights" starring Joan Coggin, Dave Moorhead, Robert Torrey, the University's security department, and casts of "thousands."

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For up-to-date details and registration information, please visit our website at <www.llu.edu/llu/medicine/somcentennial.html>.

"You can make a difference if you link your life to a worthy institution, that will live on when you are gone" (Olan Hugh Runnells). TODAY

Commerce, must meet three criteria: professional excellence, community service, and a demonstrated body of work in assisting women to achieve their full potential.

A 1978 graduate of La Sierra University, Dr. Lidner considers herself, by contrast with so many of those she now lends a hand, a slow to mature child of privilege who was raised by "parents who loved me and ... wanted me to get a good education; parents who also cared about every poor or needy person that they saw around them, and who literally did give away our last dimes sometimes to help those people."

In accepting her award, Dr. Lidner described early, youthful feelings that God "was always putting such good examples in front of me" that "I dreaded having to grow up and having to be that good." She did postpone considerably the acquisition of a career, marriage, and children, although it must be pointed out that she raised two foster brothers (now 29 and 31) for 15 years before starting a family of her own.

Dr. Lidner was mature enough by 1997 to marry orthopaedic surgeon Brad Baum—a relationship that gave her the opportunity to begin volunteering on projects that enhanced the lives of foster kids. Then it wasn't long, she says, "before many people invited me to join their boards of directors" for various philanthropic non-profit organizations such as the Family Services Association of Riverside County, the Community Foundation, Riverside Community Health Foundation, and Foundation of the Riverside County Philharmonic.

According to the Riverside Press Enterprise, Dr. Lidner has "spent years driving to San Bernardino County's deserts and cities looking for preschoolers in need of a better smile and less toothaches.

"She found them, and at the same time secured grants so she could find and help more. Today, San Bernardino County's First 5 program has \$3.7 million to pay for preschoolers to be driven to Inland dentists." She acquired another \$600,000 for Riverside County youngsters as well. Because of Dr. Lidner's efforts, the two counties' programs "send about 10,000 low-income ... children annually to dentists to assure they're infection free and their permanent teeth come in as they should."

At the close of her acceptance remarks, Dr. Lidner spoke of the indispensable women in attendance: a mother of three ... who became "head of the UC Board of Regents," and a "mother of four that ... started a business to help save her family's financial situation and was so successful that the president of the United States decided he needed ... her ... as a U.S. ambassador to foreign countries."

Those are the kind of women, along with volunteering "room-mothers and role models to kids that are not their own but who really need them," that, Dr. Lidner explained, in her tardy maturity she felt the need to emulate by working for the past decade "to pass along a fraction of the good that I have been shown in my life and to help hurting people around me." TODAY



Pictured are (from left) Cindy Roth, president/CEO of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; Athena Award recipient Carla Lidner Baum, DDS, MS; and Debbie Guthrie, chair of the Athena committee.

INNOVATION

Pharmacy professor becomes LLU's first AAHIVM-certified HIV expert

By Kristina Penny

Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy has its first HIV specialist. Jerika Lam, PharmD, assistant professor at the School of Pharmacy, received her certification from the American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM) in January 2009.

The AAHIVM first opened the certification to pharmacy professionals in 2008.

"I believe it is important to become certified by this national entity that advocates for optimal treatment and promotes research in HIV," says Dr. Lam.

HIV certification signifies the expertise and

experience of a medical or pharmaceutical professional in treating HIV-positive patients. It is given by AAHIVM only to those who can pass a 125-question exam, have conducted HIV clinical practice for at least three years, and completed 30 hours of continuing medical education.

Dr. Lam works as a clinical pharmacist and HIV expert for the Desert AIDS Project, Riverside Neighborhood Health Center, and the Perris Family Care Center.

"Obtaining the AAHIVM certification is an achievement that signifies the standards of professional medical and pharmaceutical care for HIV-positive patients," says Dr. Lam. TODAY

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

School of Nursing inducts new members into honor society

By Dustin R. Jones

Celebrating 33 years of inductions, the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Gamma Alpha Chapter held its induction ceremony June 10, 2009, in the Campus Chapel at University Church.

Sixty-one undergraduate students, graduate students, community leaders, and employees of Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Medical Center were inducted into the chapter.

Courtney H. Lyder, ND, GNP, FAAN, dean and professor, University of California—Los Angeles, School of Nursing, gave the keynote address.

“You are becoming global ambassadors for nursing,” said Dr. Lyder. “Loma Linda may have graduated you, but the world needs you more. The doctors may save the patient, but it’s the nurses that keep that patient alive.”

The following individuals were inducted into Sigma Theta Tau’s Gamma Alpha Chapter:

Undergraduate inductees

- Dennis Adonay
- Liana Amador
- Kelly Bevan
- Isabel Biasetti
- Brian Brockman
- Christina Brouillard
- Nizza Cendana
- Elisa Chapparosa
- Cheryl Co
- Paige Corey
- Rhona Dimalanta
- Joseph Drew
- Ivan Fernandes
- Juliana Fuller
- Kelsi Hubbard
- Esther Iverson
- Brittany Jester
- Jennifer Kiemeney
- Laura Koh
- Karie Lopez
- Taryn Martinez
- Tritia McPhoy
- Amber Misra
- Allison Moore
- Linh Nguyen

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COMMUNITY

School of Pharmacy sponsors Little League team



A little leaguer practices throwing while in his School of Pharmacy-sponsored uniform. Alan Connelly, MBA, assistant dean of finance and administration at the School, also coaches the team.

By Kristina Penny

The Loma Linda Yankees Little League team represents not only the City of Loma Linda, but also the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy.

The tee ball team is sponsored by the School of Pharmacy this year, providing the players with funds for jerseys, trophies, and equipment for their games, says Yankees coach Alan Connelly, MBA. Mr. Connelly is assistant dean for finance and administration for the LLU School of Pharmacy. His daughter also plays for the team.

Hansel Fletcher, PhD, professor at the School of Medicine, is commissioner of the local little league teams. He asked Billy Hughes, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy, if the School would like to sponsor a team.

The Yankees sport “LLU School of Pharmacy” on the back of their navy blue jerseys. Mr. Connelly says he has even heard from other LLU staff who have seen the Yankees players in their jerseys and remarked on what great representation it was for the University.

“The games end at about 10 or 11,” says Mr. Connelly, “so if you go do anything after that, your kids are still wearing their uniforms while running around town.”

Their season started this year on April 5 and ended June 7, and included 20 games on Sundays and Wednesdays, Mr. Connelly says.

“There are no scores, wins, or losses, but the games teach the 5- and 6-year-olds basic teamwork,” says Mr. Connelly, “as well as some basic skills of how they should be playing baseball.”

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NEWS & EVENTS

School of Pharmacy students attend regional convention

By Kristina Penny

Several School of Pharmacy students attended the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) regional convention held March 27–29, 2009, on the campus of the University of Texas, in Austin.

SNPhA is a student association concerned with minority representation in pharmacy and equal access to health care for communities. Six students represented the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy chapter: former chapter president Larry Rutebuka, current president Reginald Tayaben, chapter delegate Kwasi Agyeman, and members Kimberleigh Ingram, Mina Than, and Trang Tran.

“Going to conferences has tremendous benefits for students,” says Mr. Tayaben. “Conferences are the best venue where students, professors, pharmacists, and people in the industry can come together, share ideas, and inspire each other to not only make their individual chapters better, but pharmacy as a whole better.”

Included among the conference’s benefits were educational workshops, listening to motivational speakers, becoming reacquainted with old friends who went to other schools, making new friends among the students and pharmacists in attendance, and even meeting famous people.

At business meetings, the chapter delegates from the different schools vote over issues that affect pharmacists at state and national levels. For example, this year the delegates agreed to pass a resolution that pharmacists should be included with the Medicare program’s definition of “health care provider.” Currently, pharmacists do not have this status; if this becomes national policy, it could mean pharmacists may finally get reimbursements for their patient counseling, which has been shown to help keep health care costs down by reducing the need for doctor visits and hospitalizations. Students can’t help but become more aware of the direction their profession is heading by observing these meetings.

There is a visible passion of members that makes SNPhA unique. As pharmacists in training, being students at LLU has allowed them to be very active in their profession and their community, and every one of LLU’s SNPhA members is also involved in several other pharmacy organizations. Most have chosen to make SNPhA their primary group.

“I decided to join SNPhA from day one because they focus on serving the poorer communities,” says Mr. Tayaben. “After attending three conferences, I was even more impressed at how it is able to get perhaps the most active participation of any pharmacy student organization. At many other student conventions, a lot of

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School of Pharmacy students (from left) Larry Rutebuka, Kimberleigh Ingram, Mina Than, Reginald Tayaben, Trang Tran, and Kwasi Agyeman pose for a picture in front of the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas. The students were in Austin for the Student National Pharmaceutical Association convention.

SERVICE

Scholarship committee member recognized for 25 years of service

By Kristina Penny

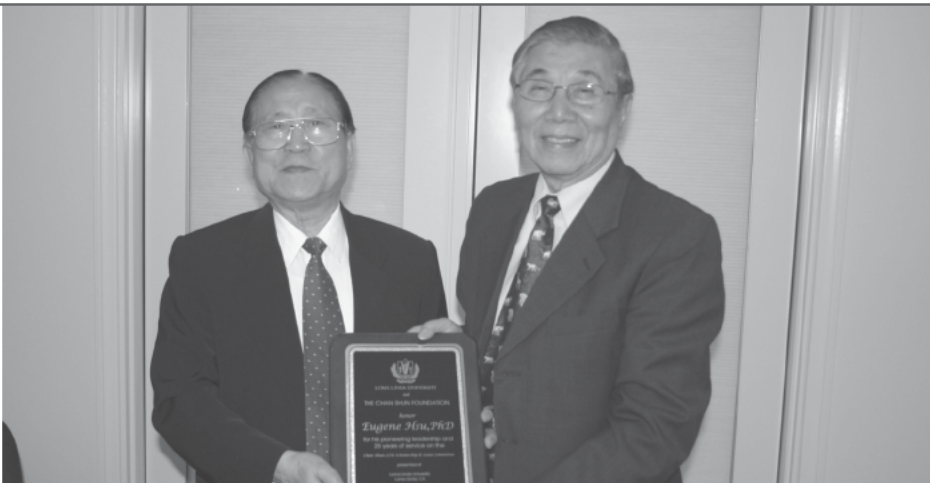
Eugene Hsu, PhD, general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was recognized on May 6, 2009, for his leadership role with the Chan Shun LLU Scholarship Loan Fund, marking 25 years as the scholarship committee's executive secretary. He recently stepped down from the position in 2008. Patricia Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor at the School of Nursing, is now executive secretary.

Dr. Hsu says he was very grateful to receive the award, but even more grateful for the amount of aid the scholarship has been able to provide students thus far. "We have given out millions of dollars in the past 25 years," he says. "Because every year we gave out about two or three hundred thousand dollars."

Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, Loma Linda University president, and Samuel Young, PhD, chair of the scholarship committee, presented the award at the committee's 25th annual meeting.

"Dr. Hsu managed all the applications and got all the paperwork done," says Dr. Young, chair of the committee and secretary to the Chan Shun International Foundation. "It's a very important role. Without him, we wouldn't have all of these names processed [to receive the scholarship]."

The scholarship fund was created in 1984 on a \$1 million endowment, and later, from \$3 million from Chan Shun International Foundation. It is for Asian graduate and professional students willing to go to Asia to work after graduation. The program provides money for



Samuel Young, PhD (left), congratulates Eugene Hsu, PhD, with an award in recognition for his 25 years of dedicated service to the Chan Shun LLU Scholarship Loan Fund.

tuition and books, as well as for loan repayment assistance to individual international students, who have more limited options for funding their education than those of the United States.

"Young people are the future of the Church," says Dr. Young. "If we don't develop leadership and good workers, the Church will have no future. So the scholarship is a small way to make sure that the Church has a bright future."

It also allows for LLU to operate off-campus degree programs in Africa, Asia, and Russia, helping students get their master's degree right where they are.

"The institutions overseas may not have the capacity to send their workers to Loma Linda, so this is one critical role that we are able to play," says Dr. Hsu.

Dr. Hsu is chair of two similar scholarships at two other Adventist institutions, Andrews University and Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies in the Philippines.

"I have been involved in education in most of my work for the Church," say Dr. Hsu. "So giving young people adequate training for the Church and for society has always been a big burden on my heart."

The Chan Shun Foundation has also contributed money to LLU for the Chan Shun Pavilion as well as to other Adventist schools in the United States and abroad for similar building projects.

Nearly every major Adventist higher education institution has a building named after the successful Chinese businessman who generously allocated funds to Seventh-day-Adventist education in thanks to God for his blessings.

"It's been very rewarding to have helped Dr. Chan Shun give the money to the Church in a way that is helping the young people," says Dr. Young, "and to see scores of young people receive the money and finish their studies and serve the Church." TODAY

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introductions stop at 'What school are you from?' and 'Where's that?' but among SNPhA members, there's always 'What did your chapter do?' and 'How were you able to do it?' Adds Mr. Rutebuka, "What I like most about SNPhA is that it's like being a part of a national family because people remember you, stay in contact with you, and actually ask for updates on your projects."

When the next LLU delegation heads to Chicago for the SNPhA National Convention in July, it will showcase what the chapter has done during the year. This past year alone, the LLU chapter held more than four health fairs, increased its membership by more than 100 percent, and began phase 1 of its international pharmacy project in Malawi, Africa. The chapter expects a similar increase in

membership next year. Several retail chains have noticed and made substantial contributions to the chapter after hearing of its activities and future plans.

This year's achievements include the planning and execution of a successful large-scale community health fair this past May 17 in Moreno Valley. The health fair featured blood pressure and osteoporosis screenings, and health booths where students provided information on asthma, diabetes, cholesterol, and more.

At the convention, other members, including Mr. Rutebuka, will also share their experience with trying to establish a new pharmacy at Malamulo Seventh-day Adventist Hospital. They will fly to Malamulo as part of the LLU SIMS Malawi Project team this summer. TODAY

NEW FACULTY

SAHP alumna joins RT faculty

Contributed report

Brigit Lara, MAM, BSRS, RT, is another student-turned-faculty at the School of Allied Health Professions. In July of 2009, she joined the radiation technology (RT) department as its newest faculty member, serving as an associate professor in many of the bachelor's and master's degree classes.

"I really love what this institution stands for and I have had nothing but great experiences here," says Ms. Lara. "I find it exciting to be able to teach the new students that come through."

Ms. Lara graduated from Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions with her associate of science in medical radiography in 2003, and then again in 2006 with her bachelor's degree in radiation sciences. She has worked at Loma Linda University Medical Center for six years—first as a staff radiologic technologist, and then as a radiologic specialist/department educator. All the while, she worked toward her master's in administration management from the University of Redlands, which she received in 2008.



Brigit Lara, MAM, BSRS, RT

She will continue to be clinically active at the Medical Center, working one day a week. "I'm so glad I will be able to work at both the Medical Center and the University. From the first day I became a student here I never wanted to leave. I'm so excited to join the School of Allied Health Professions faculty." TODAY

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Cytotechnology program director named Cytotechnologist of the Year

Contributed report

Marlene Ota, program director for cytotechnology, received the distinguished Cytotechnologist of the Year Award at the California Association of Cytotechnologists (CAC) 44th Annual State Workshop/Seminar, held in Sacramento.

CAC members nominated Ms. Ota because of her work on committees, and her time and effort spent to support, make changes, and organize activities for the benefit of the CAC membership.

Ms. Ota is the only person to win this award twice, and is in the unique position of doing both direct and indirect patient care.

The majority of cytotechnologists work in laboratories as bench techs, contributing to patient care by deciding the best way to prepare specimens, apply the correct stains, and use cytology criteria to interpret a case.

Ms. Ota not only spends time on the bench, but she indirectly contributes to patient care by being in the classroom and equipping future cytotechs with the tools needed to succeed in this field. She has graduated more than 100 students in cytotechnology over the past 25-plus years of service at Loma Linda University.



Marlene Ota

Colleagues and former students were in attendance at the ceremony and excitedly cheered as her name was called. When asked about this award, Ms. Ota simply stated, "This is quite an honor. I was completely surprised to receive this award for the second time."

The California Association of Cytotechnologists is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to enable its members to unite their efforts for the advancement and promotion of knowledge of cytology and related areas. TODAY

School of Allied Health Professions Commencement 2009



Sarah Mayer (left) receives the SAHP Distinguished Alumna Award from Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, dean.



Amber Klispie (right) receives a congratulatory hug from Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University, upon receiving the President's Award.



Peterson Le (right) is congratulated by Dr. Hart upon receiving the Dean's Award during SAHP commencement.



Heather Javaherian, OTD (center), associate professor of occupational therapy, is congratulated by Dean Jackson and Dr. Hart on being named Dean's Faculty of the Year for 2009.



Charles (Bud) Spearman, MS (left), assistant professor of cardiopulmonary sciences, is congratulated by Dean Jackson upon receiving the SAHP Distinguished Service Award.



Lori Aceres (left) receives warm congratulations from Dean Jackson as he gives her the Dean's Award.



Balloons and other graduation paraphernalia came in all shapes and sizes, including this one in the form of a zebra, displayed by one graduate.



Two graduating classmates celebrate following the ceremony.

School of Nursing Commencement 2009



Sylvia Stewart, PhD, RN (left), assistant professor of nursing, poses for a photo with recent graduate Kimberly Ramos.



Kristin Woodward Dixon receives the Dean's Award-Graduate from Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, RN, dean of the School of Nursing, during commencement.



Allison Moore (left) shakes Dr. Herrmann's hand after receiving the Dean's Award-Undergraduate.



Rafael Cañizales, PhD (right), assistant dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, presents Iris Mamier with the Dean's Award.



Ron Carter, PhD (left), provost, congratulates senior class president, Page Roque, with the President's Award.



Elizabeth Bossert, DNS, RN (left), associate dean of the graduate program, School of Nursing, and Patricia Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN (right), director of the office of international nursing, pose with recent graduates of the Africa MSN program. From left are Marie Abemyil, Esaie Ngendahimana, and Jaunell Laty-Miller.

School of Public Health Commencement 2009



School of Public Health graduates recite the graduation pledge.



Bevan Geslani, MD, marches in to receive his MBA degree.



MPH graduate Joshua Tan hugs School of Public Health dean David Dyjack, DrPH, as he receives his diploma.



Linda Degutis, DrPH, delivers the commencement address. Dr. Degutis directs the Yale Center for Public Health Preparedness.



Nutrition department chairman Joan Sabaté, DrPH, MD (left), presents doctoral graduate Hellen Ndiku with her hood.

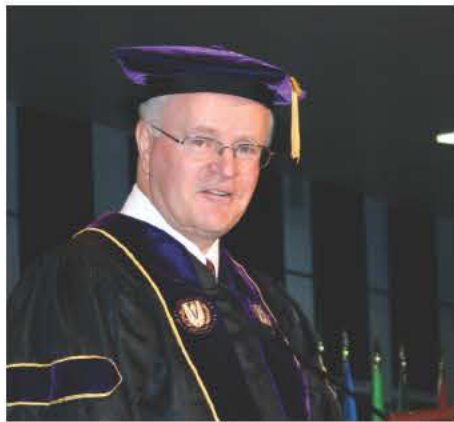


Dr. Dyjack presents Johanny Valladares with her MBA diploma. She is the administrative assistant for the department of environmental and occupational health at the School of Public Health.

School of Science and Technology | School of Religion Commencement 2009



Graduates from the psychology department celebrate after commencement.



Lowell C. Cooper, MDiv, MPH, chair, Board of Trustees, LLUAHSC, and general vice president, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, talks with graduates about “Things That Matter, Things That Don’t.”



Mariah Arellanes celebrates with friends after graduating with her master of science in marital and family therapy.



Robert Lovich, a PhD in biology graduate, receives the Loma Linda University President’s Award from Dr. Hart (left) and Ronald Carter, PhD, provost, LLU.



Julie Merrell receives her PhD in psychology.



Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH (left), president of LLU, congratulates W. William Hughes, PhD, as School Alumnus of the Year.

Nursing inducts members into honor society ...

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Margaret Owen
Joshua Powell
Laura Powell
Ronelle Quiba
Anna Ramirez
Margo Reeves
Mindy Reeves
Page Roque
Marjorie Santos
Setsuko Sawairi
Marla Smith
Jeanna Storment
Bradley Strother
Ruby Sun
Jenatte Thalasinis
La Tonya Timms
Brooke Wikerson
Catherine Wilmot
Ramesh Withange
Heather Zane
Diana Zeilicovici

Master's program inductees

Antoinette Henderson
Kimberly Johns
Nayiri Ketchendjian
Sunghee Kim
Betty Moore
Ana Noceda
Patricia Oddie
Darla Watterson
Darlynn Willy

Off-campus master's program inductees

Jine Feng

Erhuvwukorotu Kolli
Aiuan Lin
YuQin Pan
Brenda Chi Kei Pong

International nurse leader inductee

Dr. Huy Sovath

In addition to the induction ceremony, several awards were also presented to outstanding faculty and students.

Friend of Nursing Award

Sandra Hilliker, PhD

Clarice Woodward Excellence in Writing Award

Michelle Tinkham, RN, MS

Excellence in Education Award

Patricia T. Pothier, PhD, RN

Student Scholarship Grants

Page Roque, undergraduate
May Denjaearn, RN, graduate

Sigma Theta Tau International granted a charter to the nursing honor society at Loma Linda University School of Nursing in 1976. The chapter, which promotes nursing scholarship, leadership, and research, has grown from 101 charter members to more than 1,200 members.

Sigma Theta Tau was founded in 1922 by six students at the Indiana University Training



Undergraduate students, graduate students, community members, and employees of Loma Linda University Medical Center who were inducted as members of Sigma Theta Tau International pose for a picture.

School of Nurses. The name represents the initials of the Greek words *storga*, *tharos*, and *tima*. They mean love, courage, and honor, and were chosen when the society was chartered.

In universities where chapters have been established, Sigma Theta Tau is an educational force standing for the best in nursing and making tangible contributions to the school and the

profession through its help in the preparation of leaders.

There are four purposes of Sigma Theta Tau: to recognize superior achievement, to recognize the development of leadership qualities, to foster high professional standards, and to strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession. TODAY

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Associate professor of nursing named Fellow, Academy of Nursing Education

Contributed report

Jan Nick, PhD, RNC, CNE, associate professor, School of Nursing, has been selected for induction into the National League for Nursing's (NLN) Academy of Nursing Education, with the credential of "Fellow." She joins the academy's 65 fellows representing nursing schools and programs throughout the United States.

Dr. Nick was chosen for her innovative teaching and learning strategies; faculty development; academic leadership; and collaborative educational partnerships.

"The National League for Nursing relies on these accomplished individuals as allies in our efforts to prepare the numbers of excellent nurse educators we need if we are to eliminate the shortage of nurses plaguing America's health care institutions," says Beverly A. Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN, chief executive officer, NLN. "Nurse faculty and colleagues from other fields who contribute to excellence in nursing education and to the preparation of a nursing workforce that meets the needs of our ever-changing health care environment deserve this public recognition."

The fellowships are awarded by the NLN Board of Governors, the oversight body of the Academy of Nursing Education.

The induction of new fellows and a meeting of fellows in the Academy of Nursing Education will be held in conjunction with the NLN's annual education summit in the fall.

"This credential, borne with pride, garners the gratitude of all who are eager to elevate the status of the profession," adds Dr. Malone.

The NLN established the Academy of Nursing Education in 2007 to foster excellence in nursing education by recognizing and capitalizing on the wisdom of nurse educators who

have made sustained and significant contributions to nursing education.

Fellows provide visionary leadership in nursing education and in the Academy of Nursing Education, and support the vision of the NLN to promote standards of excellence in nursing education that will increase the number of graduates from all types of nursing programs.

Fellows serve as important role models and resources for new educators and for those who aspire to become nurse educators.

The National League for Nursing is the premier organization for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education offering faculty development, networking opportunities, testing services, nursing research grants, and public policy data and initiatives to its 30,000 individual and 1,200 institutional members.

For more information about the Academy of Nursing Education, please visit <www.nln.org/excellence/academy>. TODAY



Jan Nick, PhD, RNC, CNE

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

LLU Health Services recognizes employees for years of service

By Dustin R. Jones

"Time to Commemorate" was the theme at the employee recognition banquet for Loma Linda University Health Services (LLUHS) held May 19 at Wong Kerlee International Conference Center.

As the shared and support services for the entities of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, LLUHS employees work across all of the Loma Linda institutions.

"It is my distinct pleasure to extend congratulations to the employees of LLUHS who are celebrating a milestone of service," said Leslie N. Pollard, PhD, DMin, MBA, vice president for community partnerships and diversity, during the program. "Tonight we are recognizing 915 years of service!"

In addition to those employees recognized for years of service, five employees were recognized for their exemplification of LLUHS values, and received an engraved clock.

Henry Carius, safety, celebrating five years of employment at LLU/LLUHS, was recognized for the value of excellence—providing services that are efficient, timely, and customer focused.

Beth Elwell, compliance, celebrating 10 years of employment at LLU/LLUHS, was recognized for the value of integrity—ensuring our actions are consistent with our values.

Lizette Norton, human resources management,

celebrating 15 years of employment at LLU/LLUHS, was recognized for the value of compassion—reflecting the love of God through caring, respect, and empathy.

John Marshall, security, celebrating 20 years of employment at LLU/LLUHS, was recognized for the value of teamwork—collaborating to achieve a shared purpose.

Ken Breyer, construction, celebrating 25 years of employment at LLU/LLUHS, was recognized for the value of wholeness—embracing a balanced life that integrates mind, body, and spirit.

Following the individual awards, the years of service awards were presented. Each employee was given a lapel pin with his or her years of service inscribed and a bonus check reflecting the years served.

The employees recognized are:

5 years

Marianne Bellettini
Henry A. Cairus
Susan Kay Douma
Jessica M. Gant
John Darby Hart
Holly Anne Holato
Regina Joseph
Paul J. Lovell
Samir Dilip Mahtaji
Janet Louise Perez
Humberto Saldana

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ACHIEVEMENT

Recognition ceremonies for RN residency in pediatrics highlight unique nursing program

By James Ponder

Recognition ceremonies for the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital RN residency in pediatrics, which were held on Thursday, May 28, 2009, in Wong Kerlee International Conference Center, offered program participants the chance to say "thank you" to the mentors and preceptors who guided their steps in completing the residency, as well as to receive recognition themselves for successfully completing the program.

According to Sherri Eskew, MSN, RN, manager of the program, "The RN residency in pediatrics started in response to a severe nursing shortage."

She adds, "It was designed to bridge the gap between graduation and the practice of nursing by providing in-depth clinical experience."

Ms. Eskew notes that participating in the residency program has reduced burnout among graduating nurses. "Historically, turnover of new nurses has been particularly high due to the high level of stress involved," she observes. "The RN residency in pediatrics offers a great deal of support for a new nurse. A critical component is one-to-one preceptor time."

She continues, "Loma Linda University Children's Hospital is fortunate to have experienced nurses who are willing to take a new graduate under their wings and guide them as they develop clinical skills."

She also points out that new nurses are provided with mentors who "help them develop their career paths, and debriefing groups who help them debrief when stressful situations occur."

The residency program has also helped stanch the flow of burnout and turnover among new nurses.

"With the added support for the new graduate nurse," Ms. Eskew observes, "Loma Linda University has maintained a retention rate greater than 92 percent after one year."

The learning is not a one-sided process, however. Ms. Eskew maintains that new graduate nurses bring something essential to the clinical setting above and beyond their dedication and commitment. "While new graduate nurses come to us with limited clinical experience, they do offer a great deal of knowledge on best practices. When you couple their 'book knowledge' with an experienced nurse's 'clinical knowledge'—and when both nurses are open to learning from each other—the patient wins as state-of-the-art nursing care is provided."

"Health care," she continues, "is always changing, and the advantage of new nurses is that they have just learned some best practices that can be implemented to keep Loma Linda University Children's Hospital among the top hospitals nationwide, providing the best in Christ-centered health care."

As part of the requirements for completing the residency, participants were assigned to work with a small team of fellow students in the development of a study related to a clinical topic. At the recognition ceremonies, posters were on display outlining the parameters, procedures, and outcomes of their studies.

The recognition ceremony included: a welcome from Janelle Isaef, MA, RN, chief patient care director; a devotional by Kathy McMillan, director of employee spiritual care and whole-



Members of the 2009 Loma Linda University Children's Hospital RN residency in pediatrics program gather to celebrate their successful completion of intensive training designed to bridge the gap between academic and clinical aspects of their nursing education. Recognition ceremonies were held May 28, 2009, in Loma Linda.

ness; a musical dedication by Erika Song, a relative of one of the program participants; the keynote address by Yvonne Fanous, MD, division chief of allergy, immunology, and pulmonology at Loma Linda University Medical Center; a musical dedication by Jamee Galahan, program participant; a slideshow presentation by Ron Foliente, program participant; the recognition of residents, and a recognition of other program participants, which were conducted by Ms. Eskew and Mona Marinel, MPH, RN, curriculum coordinator for the residency program.

The 2009 graduates of the RN residency in pediatrics are:

Laura M. Balan
Stefanie D. Bowles
Elisa F. Chapparosa
Katherine M. Connor
Nancy Cortez
Heather L. Cox

Ron Foliente
Jennifer M. Franquez
Jamee K. Galahan
Jennifer M. Haley
Stephanie L. Hernandez
Kimberlee A. Hooper
Melissa Macarewa
Shelby R. Moats
Stefanie A. Newman
Kyle E. Parker
Krystal Protz
Leah D. Rosario
Robin S. Shpiel
Hye Jin Song
Stephanie A. Tucker
Brittany A. Wilcox
Heather Zane

At the conclusion of the ceremony, attendees were urged to join the residency graduates, along with their mentors, preceptors, and faculty members, in a reception. TODAY

Luke the Lion's 50s-style birthday party ...

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BHLH board members and guild volunteers decorated the lobby, greeted people, and passed out Luke the Lion activity books, as well as goodie bags to the kids.

In the hospital lobby, the Wonderelles singing group sang tunes from the past. They wore colorful pink, white, and black '50s-style clothing. Their four voices harmonized perfectly. Spectators gathered around to listen to many great popular tunes from the 1950s.

The lobby boasted a '50s diner area and a picture-taking backdrop of cool cars in front of a diner scene. Two round tables were set up and decorated so hospital patients and visiting children could color, create, and stick stickers on sheets of paper. BHLH volunteers assisted the children with all of their creations.

Once finished, the children dashed outside to look at the classic cars and trucks lined up on display. A rainbow of color greeted them. Adults and children walked among the many models and styles of old classic vehicles. A glance inside someone's 1955 peach and white Chevy provided a look at the original dash and upholstery. The car's original paint job shined in

mint condition as well. The parking lot boasted cars and trucks of equally awesome condition. Every owner had a detailed story to tell about his or her vehicle.

Another story taking place that day was that of a classic car written into a children's book, titled *More Than a Pinch, Less Than a Bee Sting* and authored by Carol Hartnell, who is a board member of BHLH Guild. The author's dream was to buy a classic car, write the car into her children's chapter book, and promote the book series with the car. Ms. Hartnell did buy the car, then took it to a shop called West Coast Customs (WCC) in Corona, California, to have it restored. The shop completed the restoration and wanted to have the "reveal" of the car at a special time and place for the author so it could be filmed by The Learning Channel for a TV show called "Street Customs."

The mini car show, celebrating Luke's birthday month, seemed to be the perfect backdrop for a "reveal" of Carol Hartnell's classic car called Hawk's Ride. While the BHLH Guild members hid Ms. Hartnell away, West Coast Customs drove its car hauler, carrying Hawk's Ride, into the midst of the car show taking place in front of Children's Hospital. WCC's truck and trailer pulled in behind the car hauler

and was suitably decorated with its logos and designs. The crew from WCC unloaded Hawk's Ride in front of the excited crowd. The 1937 Ford two-door sedan with a slant back and chopped top glistened in the afternoon sun. Red-orange paint and gold pearlized flames adorned the restored classic.

A crowd of children escorted Carol Hartnell outside to the front of Children's Hospital so she could see her dream car for the first time. The crowd of more than 100 people clapped in happy anticipation. Hawk's Ride sat as a centerpiece in the midst of the car show. Ms. Hartnell walked excitedly toward the car with many young hospital patients following behind her.

While TLC cameras filmed, she exclaimed, "Wow, my car is so beautiful! Thank you so much, Ryan, and everyone at West Coast Customs." The young hospital patients gathered around Ms. Hartnell, the car, and Ryan from WCC. The camera crew kept filming as one by one the children rolled forward with IV bottles and lots of excitement.

Hawk's Ride sparkled in the background but not as brightly as those kids' sparkling smiles. Ryan, Hawk's Ride, and Luke the Lion took center stage as kids lined up for precious photo opportunities. The Wonderelles added some background singing to the event as once again

visitors checked out the spectacular vehicles including Hawk's Ride. Stater Bros. water bottles and Hansen's Natural juices quenched the thirst of the many happy participants there for the celebration.

The kind visitors, car owners, young patients, and their families left Luke's '50s-style birthday party with West Coast Custom's T-shirts, Luke the Lion activity books, goodie bags, signed copies of Carol Hartnell's chapter book, and big smiles.

BHLH Guild board members and volunteers felt privileged to host such a wonderful event for the children of Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and the community. Ms. Hartnell sent a special thank you to the volunteers, employees, car owners, car clubs, and WCC who participated in the "Reveal" of Hawk's Ride and made Luke the Lion's Birthday so special.

Carol Hartnell told TLC, "The mission of Loma Linda University Children's Hospital is to make man whole. In a similar way, West Coast Customs makes old cars whole by restoring them to beauty and good running order."

"Most importantly," she adds, "the hospital takes sick children and, with medical skill and God's help, restores them to wellness, beauty, and good running order." TODAY

MISSION & SERVICE

SAHP Distinguished Alumna of the Year serves in Baja California

By Larry Kidder

On Sunday, June 14, 2009, Sarah Mayer was honored as the School of Allied Health Professions Distinguished Alumna for 2009. She was recognized during the commencement ceremony for the School.

Ms. Mayer's sense of mission and service are major reasons for receiving the award.

Growing up in Northern California, she had her first glimpse of missions and humanitarian work as a high school student during annual trips with her church over spring break to Baja California, Mexico.

As an undergraduate, she studied at Pepperdine University and the University of California, Santa Barbara, receiving degrees in biological sciences and Spanish literature.

After graduating, she spent a year traveling throughout South America, teaching English and falling in love with the people and cultures of Latin America.

Ms. Mayer spent the next few years teaching Spanish to elementary school students and mathematics at a local high school in Santa Barbara.

During this time, she also volunteered as a medical assistant and translator at a non-profit

clinic serving the low-income and homeless populations of Santa Barbara. Her experience there deepened her desire to serve God through medical service and cultivated her love for medicine.

In 2005, Ms. Mayer graduated from the LLU physician assistant (PA) program and, following a brief time with a local otorhinolaryngology practice, felt called to pursue her goal of providing medical care for underserved populations.

In 2006, she joined the Social Action Community Health System—specifically at the SACHS-Frazee and SACHS-Norton clinics in San Bernardino, whose patient populations are primarily composed of low-income, non-insured families.

Her fluency in Spanish was also put to good use, since a majority of the patients at both clinics are Hispanic.

In the spring of 2008, after much prayer and planning, she left with her husband and 2-year-old daughter for Baja California to serve as missionary volunteers at a Christian orphanage. Ms. Mayer currently provides medical care for more than 150 children and staff who reside there.

Realizing the dire need for health care in the local area, she opened a free community clinic in



SAHP Distinguished Alumna of the Year Sarah Mayer (back, left) provides health care at an orphanage in Baja California. In addition, she started her own clinic in Santa Anita to serve patients like the ones in this photo.

the village of Santa Anita later in the summer of 2008. She solicited help from hospitals, doctors, PAs, churches, and building contractors to turn a small, abandoned consultation room (which previously served as a veterinarian exam room) into a thriving clinic where she currently sees patients of all ages with medical problems varying from acute infections to hypertension and diabetes.

Ms. Mayer is grateful to have the opportunity to make a difference in her patients' lives and share God's love.

Her education at Loma Linda University and time spent at the SACHS clinics prepared her to be a missionary PA and to put into practice the institution's motto, "to make man whole." TODAY

ALUMNI SERVICE

School of Public Health alumnus teaches in Russian Federation

By Richard Weismeyer

Michael Cafferky, DBA, MDiv, a 1979 graduate of the School of Public Health, recently returned from an eight-day trip to the Russian Federation, where he provided 30 hours of classroom instruction for a course on advanced leadership.

The trip to the Russian Federation took Dr. Cafferky, who is associate professor of business and management at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee, to the small village of Zaoksky located 80 kilometers south of Moscow.

The intensive advanced leadership course is one of the requirements for students enrolled in the Andrews University Theological Seminary doctor of ministry degree program with an emphasis in leadership. The 23 students enrolled in the course came from all over the Russian Federation as well as some neighboring countries such as Ukraine, Moldova, and Armenia.

While he was in Zaoksky, Dr. Cafferky provided classroom instruction on the topics of organization theory and design, change leadership, and time management. But he also became a learner in the process. "Exploring with them leadership theories and practices that have been developed in Western countries was an exciting educational process for me," he says. "I started the course by asking them to evaluate some-

thing that was developed in the West. They responded very well to this. It provided an opportunity for them to articulate the history of their experiences of living and working in a socialist environment. Our dialogue became a valuable learning experience for me, too. The educational process is not a one-way street of merely transmitting information." He plans to return to Zaoksky, Russian Federation, the summer of 2011.

Dr. Cafferky also discussed research projects with four doctoral students whom he will be advising during the next two years. One of these projects will involve interactions with Russian businesses. For example, the manager of a religious publishing company will be experimenting with creating and selling books through secular book distributors to book retailers in the Russian Federation. Dr. Cafferky will advise on the marketing processes. "My background in both business and religion suits me well to dialogue with doctor of ministry students majoring in leadership who want to explore their discipline from both perspectives," he said.

In preparation for his trip Dr. Cafferky enrolled in a beginning Russian language class during the fall semester of 2008 taught by Magdalena Jesiak. "Professor Jesiak's course really helped me. Of course I did not lecture completely in Russian, but knowing some Russian words and phrases helped me to connect with them in a way that is not possible using only a translator," Dr. Cafferky says. "Many voiced appreciation



Michael Cafferky, DBA, MDiv, a 1979 graduate of the School of Public Health (standing, sixth from left) poses for a photograph with his students in the class he taught at Zaoksky Adventist University in Russia.

for the fact that I took an interest in their language and culture."

Zaoksky Adventist University is the school home for 300 full-time students during the school year and several hundred part-time students who study in the summer. The university offers degree programs in religion, music, English, and economics. While he was in Zaoksky, Dr. Cafferky had the opportunity to meet informally with a small group of

economics students to get acquainted. He ate his meals with the university students and attended the university religious services. This provided an opportunity for English students to practice their English speaking skills.

"Meal times were a lot of fun talking with students. They helped me with conversational Russian. I helped them improve some English phrases. We also explored a few American idioms," he says. TODAY

MISSION & SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship assists students interested in mission work

By Kristina Penny

Loan repayment assistance similar to that of the deferred mission appointee program is now available to nursing, pharmacy, and other Loma Linda University alumni.

Creation of the new global service scholarship program means that the University will help repay student loans for any recently graduating alumni wishing to enter the mission field, says Dolores Wright, PhD, RN, associate professor. Please turn to page 11

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Pharmacy students make a difference in the lives of Moreno Valley residents

Contributed report

More than 75 residents of Moreno Valley received valuable health information and medication counseling from 60 Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy students and seven faculty members during a four-hour health fair on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

The health fair, sponsored by Walmart and staffed by School of Pharmacy faculty and student pharmacists, represented the first time the School's professional student organizations collaborated to provide community service.

Residents received diagnostic testing for such diseases as osteoporosis, diabetes, and hypertension. They also received counseling for cholesterol, cough and cold, asthma, heartburn, and

their existing medications. Each booth focused on a specific disease state and was managed by one of the student professional organizations. One faculty member was also assigned to each booth to mentor the student pharmacists.

The economic impact of the health fair is significant because of the Moreno Valley residents' challenging financial situation. The socio-economic make up of Moreno Valley is primarily striving immigrant families: struggling families that are on a tight budget and work in service or skill-based jobs. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate in the Moreno Valley area is 12.6 percent, while the national rate is 9.4 percent.

As well as providing lunch for the students, Walmart provided space for the health fair,



Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy PY1 student Christina Hakl counsels a Moreno Valley resident at the May 17 health fair. The health fair was sponsored by Walmart, and was staffed by 60 pharmacy students and seven faculty members. They were able to help more than 75 individuals in four hours.

raffle prizes, and the funds to cover the cost of finger sticks, allowing the students to determine the patients' blood glucose levels.

Day Gooch, PharmD, MBA, regional talent specialist for Walmart says, "It was fantastic to see Loma Linda students educating and spending time with the local people of Moreno Valley and providing knowledge that pharmacists provide every day in Walmart stores."

One of the organizers, Larry Rutebuka, PY3 student pharmacist says, "The impact affected both the students and patients. The patients especially benefited from the booths that gave them hard numbers, such as blood sugar, bone density, or blood pressure. These numbers led directly into productive patient counseling sessions."

While patients were receiving counseling, their children enjoyed face painting by students from the University of California at Riverside. The patients went from booth to booth, receiving a

stamp on a card as they progressed. After spending time at each booth, patients were given a goody bag with health information, OTC samples, and a raffle ticket.

Third year student pharmacist Nancy Fong says, "Many of the patients did not have adequate health care insurance. Being able to promote health awareness was a rewarding experience."

Seven School of Pharmacy faculty members took time from their weekend schedules to participate alongside the student pharmacists. LaDonna Jones, PharmD, says, "Witnessing the collaboration of student organizations working together for a common goal is the epitome of what LLU strives to achieve."

In addition to organizing another similar fair again next year, the student pharmacists will also offer other smaller health fairs in cooperation with the School of Pharmacy and Walmart. TODAY



Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy PY1 students Connie Elejalde, Erin Carpenter, and Emily Garispe helped Moreno Valley residents with their diabetes. Having easy access to health information is a significant perk for a community that suffers from a higher-than-average unemployment rate.

Scholarship assists students interested in mission work...

Continued from page 10 of nursing at LLU School of Nursing, and a member of the scholarship committee.

The Schools of Nursing and Pharmacy have both already contributed funds, and Dr. Wright says they are looking forward to donations from other LLU schools, as well as from alumni contributions.

The scholarship is an outgrowth of the deferred mission appointee program.

The appointee program was created by the

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and has existed for many years, but previously allowed only medical and dental students to get help repaying their loans while serving overseas as missionaries.

"Other students—nursing, dental hygiene, pharmacy, and others—wanted to know why they were not included, or why there wasn't something for them," says Dr. Wright.

Now, students from any one of LLU's schools can apply for payment assistance while they are out in the mission field. This makes mission

service possible for many who would not have the financial stability to do so otherwise.

"If we have a person who is graduated and they go serve in a mission capacity, while they are there, part of their loans get paid monthly to a maximum of \$1,000 per month," says Dr. Wright.

While the deferred mission appointee program is for those who want to commit to long-term service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a career, the global service scholarship program provides more short-term mission opportuni-

ties, beginning with a minimum of one year of service.

This allows students to give mission service a trial-run as a volunteer before possibly choosing it as a career.

The program also seeks to make the transition to mission service easier for the new missionary and his or her family, says Dr. Wright.

"When we have a student who wants to volunteer, we ask 'What else does that mean?' 'Are you alone or are you married?' and 'What kind of match can we make?' because we already know the needs in our hospitals and clinics that we are involved with and we try to make that match," says Dr. Wright.

The program also provides more personnel for needy hospitals and clinics abroad.

"A lot of times clinics or hospitals can use an infusion," says Dr. Wright. "An infusion of new ideas, new enthusiasm, or of new young people. And sometimes they are simply low staffed and this can help fill some of those staffing situations."

So far, 12 LLU students have been voted into the global services scholarship program.

"Obviously not everybody wants to do something like this, but there are some who do, and for them, there is great need," says Dr. Wright. TODAY

Employees recognized ...

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10 years

- Christopher O. Chapman
- Elizabeth Anne Elwell
- Abril Fancisco Garcia
- Dustin R. Jones
- James Russell Krausz
- Betty Macias
- Marissa McConnell
- Pamela J. Paxton
- Gloria L. Velarde
- Judi Annette Wright

15 years

- Terriann Andres
- Samuel C. Eller
- Angela Marie Henderson
- Richard Dean McClard

Lizette O. Norton

- Paulo Pereira
- Robert N. Ramnarain
- Stephen R. Vasta
- Frank Williams

20 years

- Estera Arapache
- Maria Teresa Campos
- Robert R. Cole
- Valerie Downs
- Albin Grohar
- Janice L. Manahl
- John D. Marshall
- Jose J. Martinez
- Llona Sue Maxwell
- C. Oliver
- Bonnie L. Pringle
- Marcos Romo
- Tonetta Tallman

25 years

- Sandra Marie Berch
- Kenneth J. Breyer
- Rhonda Kay Englehart
- Alice Kay Foster
- Carla Gober
- Martha Cecilia Guijarro
- Leslie B. Morton

30 years

- Linda Halstead
- Robert G. Matthews
- Robert H. Schultz

35 years

- Paramjit S. Judge
- Janice L. Quick-Wolfe

45 years

- Richard Weismeyer

COURAGE

PossAbilities member who lost legs to gang violence walks across stage to graduate from high school

By Patricia Thio

The odds were death. Antonio Steward innocently fell victim to gang violence by being shot nine times—even though he wasn't in a gang.

That night, August 26, 2006, was a nightmare for the then 17-year-old and his family. He had just started his senior year at Alta Loma High School. Known as an all-star baseball player, he could pitch the ball more than 90 miles per hour, with dreams of becoming a major league baseball player.

But three years ago, sirens blared as the ambulance rushed him to Loma Linda University Medical Center. His heart stopped beating on the way to the hospital and again in the emergency room. Thankfully, the EMTs and doctors brought him back. For 46 days he lay in a coma, wavering between life and death.

Since then, he has undergone 56 surgeries, including the amputation of both his legs above the knee.

He later had the "Serenity Prayer" tattooed on his arm and, in September 2007, he took his first steps on prosthetics. He continues physical therapy at Loma Linda University Medical Center—East Campus to learn to walk again. Unfortunately, other surgeries have inter-

rupted his rehabilitation, but Antonio is back at it again in full force.

Now 20 years old, Antonio has been an active member in PossAbilities, a community outreach program developed by the Loma Linda University Medical Center—East Campus, which offers support and activities to people who are disabled. In addition to competing in the PossAbilities triathlon and Redlands Bicycle Classic, he is also part of the PossAbilities speakers bureau, encouraging others with his story.

"I didn't like my situation; but then I just got over it," says Antonio. "I realized that I'm still here for a reason, and I have to figure out what that reason is now."

On June 10, 2009, "Miracle man walking," as he is known, walked across a stage to receive his high school diploma during the 2009 Alta Loma High School graduation ceremony. Not only has he been hard at work in rehabilitation, but he has been studying with his home school teacher for the past year and a half. Through his courage, strength, and bright-eyed smile, Antonio is accomplishing what few thought possible.

"No matter what happens, there is always good in bad situations—something good always comes out of it," he explains. "Just never give up." TODAY



Antonio Steward and his homeschool teacher, Lori Williams (left), celebrate after he walked across the stage to receive his high school diploma.

CHILDREN

Luke the Lion's 50s-style birthday party

By James Ponder

Brummm, brummm, brummm roared the classic cars as they rolled in front of Loma Linda University Children's Hospital for Luke the Lion's '50s style birthday party.

Luke is the official fictional mascot of LLU Children's Hospital.

The classic cars joined Stater Bros.' antique

grocery truck and two antique fire trucks from the Loma Linda Fire Department.

The June 17, 2009, mini car show event was hosted by Big Hearts for Little Hearts Guild (BHLH) to celebrate Luke the Lion's birthday month.

Even the weather cooperated with a sunny, 80-degree day and a balmy breeze.

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Ryan Friedlinghaus, CEO of West Coast Customs (WCC), and Carol Hartnell, author of children's books, show off the custom conversion car Mr. Friedlinghaus and his staff created for Ms. Hartnell. As cameras from The Learning Channel program "Street Customs" documented the event, the WCC staff revealed the 1937 Ford at Luke the Lion's annual birthday bash. The car will be used to promote Ms. Hartnell's work on behalf of the patients of Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.



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